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The Americans have become more than ever convinced that only the "New Party" is the party which, under General Papagos as Prime Minister and Markezinis as Deputy Prime Minister, will put an end to this miserable situation. - A 8

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- 8. When the Papagos-Markezinis Government is formed, we shall requisition half the wealth of the rich, and we shall utilize those solutions that will put an end to the guerrilla movement. The plutocrats know this full well, and that is the reason why they object to the formation of such a government.
- 9. The Americans will support us in spite of all this reaction.

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